

places should be supplied by superior stock. Will the farmers of the neighborhood become liberal subscribing members of the Mount Forest Society, so as to enable it to purchase a thorough bred animal for the purpose of improving the stock of these townships? Improvement in that particular will assuredly be followed by the same results as the improvement in sheep; the owners of which obtain more than double the price, and in other ways doubling their profits, compared with those who rear inferior stock. The members of this society who own an improved breed, invariably take the prizes at our exhibitions.

The excellent samples of dairy produce exhibited at our last show, were equal, but could not be superior to those of former exhibitions, and it would seem that further excellence is not to be attained, at least in the article of butter. All that appears to be desirable now, is that the products of the dairy should be larger. It would be well if those who devote much of their attention to the dairy would adopt a system of management that will enable them to ascertain with accuracy the quantity made from one or more cows during a given time, so as to arrive at a correct knowledge of the profits of dairy farming, and that they would communicate the result of their observations and experiments with a view to giving it publicity.

We can make as good cheese as any produced in the States, but we do not produce enough to supply even the home demand; consequently we do not enjoy an established reputation for cheese making, and we are thus driven out of our own market. By carefully maintaining the good quality, and increasing the quantity of our dairy productions, we may hope to enrich ourselves and our country, by securing the profits which are now enjoyed by our rival neighbours.

The practice of relying principally upon grain crops, we think unwise and unsafe. Continual cropping, without returning the elements of fertility, will soon exhaust the richest soil. Manure must be procured, and it is better to have a home manufactory for its production, than to purchase it elsewhere. Nothing is better adapted for that purpose than live stock, of which a sufficient number should be kept, as they not only produce the necessary fertilizer, but yield a large additional profit.

Although the difficulty of acquiring an im-

proved breed of cattle still exists, the same is not felt with regard to swine. No person now need keep hogs, having no other good qualities than their wonderful powers of enduring starvation, and an obstinate tenacity of life under the most trying circumstances. An evident improvement has taken place, and several persons in this neighborhood are in possession of a good breed, we have greater facilities for further improvement. Friend Horning, too, is now a resident in the neighborhood, having lately "crept out of his shell" at Guelph, and has brought with him a numerous progeny of fine well-behaved Berkshires, contented, amiable sort of pigs, which instead of running grunting about and getting into mischief, do nothing but grow and get fat, upon a moderate supply of nutritious food.

The inconvenience and disadvantages hitherto experienced in the disposal of stock, are happily likely to be removed. In future there will be no necessity for driving cattle to Guelph, a distance of forty or fifty miles more, and there subjecting them to an unfavorable comparison with the superior animals of that locality, and selling, if sold at all, at a ruinous price, as in addition to the recent frequent visits of buyers, we are in possession of the convenience and advantages of two established fairs in Mount Forest, to be held annually on the third Thursday in May, and the third Thursday in September, when farmers should not neglect to bring their spare stock, so that buyers from a distance may be induced to attend in future, thus establishing and bringing the fairs into public notice, which cannot fail to be a public benefit.

This part of the country bears evidence that nature has here distributed her favors with no niggard hand. The soil is rich, is beautifully watered with springs, rivulets, brooks and larger streams, producing health, comfort, and convenience to man and beast, forming a natural drainage, which will undoubtedly be made available as general outlets, and will greatly facilitate a complete system of artificial drainage, on which to a small degree depends the permanent improvement of the land and the prosperity of the agriculturist.

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